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In re application of: Holmes et al.
Serial No.: 10/603,343
Filed: June 25, 2003
For: Tea Manufacture

Group: 1761
Examiner: Jyoti Chawla
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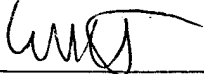


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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

The following reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2006. Claims 1-8 were originally filed and claim 9 has been added. Therefore, claims 1-9 are the live claims presented for prosecution on the merits. Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application, pursuant to and consistent with 37 CFR §1.112, are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.